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4 MR. PACHECO: Thank you, my name is Richard

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5 Pacheco, and don't let the hat fool you. I have not
6 come to praise Caesar, but to bury him. It was a nice
7 hat, so I got it. You know, I've been listening to
8 this pro and con, give and take all night. It's been
9 interesting. And enlightening. You know, and I am not
10 a fan of DOE. Although I was indirectly employed by
11 DOE for a number of years, with CSC, Rico and EGG back
12 in the days of NRDS. Remember NRDS where they started
13 to house low-level nuclear fuel or spent fuel? You
14 know about that. Right. I was there.

15 I've been to NRDS. I have been to the test
16 site, and I know a lot of their dirty little secrets.
17 But you know, they're basically a good agency. I
18 think. They may be sneaky and a little underhanded
19 sometimes, and they're hard-headed, but I don't think
20 these people are stupid. Right?

21 Now just to clear up a couple of things, you
22 know, I heard the comment by the Senator about, you
23 know, people getting frisked and whatever and checked
24 and this on the way in. I had no trouble. I drove up
25 here, I was directed how to get in here. I came in, I

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1 signed in, and I got my number and here I am. So I

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2 don't believe in that.

3 But I want to tell you a couple of things

4 folks. Back in the 1950s where they exploded umpteen

5 nuclear bombs above ground, right, the Nevada

6 delegation and the city and the state officials, they

7 were not out there beating the band and protesting and

8 yelling and screaming. In the 1960s, when they were

9 under, doing all the underground testing, and believe

10 me, for everyone bomb they announced they were going to

11 explode, they blew about 10. And I think I got my

12 numbers correct. And they weren't yelling and they

13 weren't screaming about that. Because they loved the

14 jobs. 10,000 plus people. A lot of money coming into

15 this state. And coming into this city. So in one

16 respect, they're a little hypocritical.

17 Now whether I'm for this or against it, you

18 know, what's fair is fair. Now that the shoe is on the

19 other foot, nuclear testing is stopped, they're going

20 to holler about this. Well, I heard some numbers

21 kicked around here tonight, folks. I heard one number

22 that was, said 14 years, and I heard another one that

23 said 20 years. We've been studying this problem for 14
24 or 20 years? Is that right? What's the matter with
25 us? This sounds like the Jimmy Carter days with the MX
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1 missile. Remember that? Put it on the train, and run
2 it around the test site in figure eights and the
3 Russians will never be able to catch up with it, or put
4 it on flatbed trucks and run it around the country.
5 We're playing the same game over again.
6 Whether you're on this side of the fence or on that
7 side of the fence.

8 Now I learned a little about nuclear storage
9 and waste tonight. And I have heard about this dry
10 cask storage. Well, folks, 56 years ago, we let the
11 genie out of the bottle. And now we have to get him
12 back in. And you have one problem that's called
13 nuclear proliferation, and now you have the other
14 called nuclear waste. And we're trying to deal with
15 them at the same time. But we've been chasing the
16 problem for 14 or 20 years, pick a number and we've got
17 to do something about it.

18 I don't think we're going to solve the
19 problem by butting heads with the DOE. I think what

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20 happened here is we've had a political decision made,
21 and we're going to have a scientific implementation of
22 that political decision. And the State of Nevada, I
23 don't care what the City, the County and the State
24 people say, the state of Nevada is going to get this
25 nuclear depository, right, and it's a freight train

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1 coming down the tracks. I don't wish it to be so, but
2 I think that's what's going to happen. So we have to
3 make the best maybe of a bad situation.
4 If we're going to get it -- and like I said,
5 the DOE people are not stupid. I don't think they're
6 going to build a nuclear repository in the state of
7 Nevada and use boogie man science to justify it. That
8 would be absolutely stupid. But they're not stupid,
9 folks. Right? They are not stupid. And believe me,
10 if we're going to -- if they're going to build this
11 thing, I think, you know, when we get through arguing,
12 we've got to sit down and have a little consensus.
13 We've got to work together. And if that means
14 constructing alternate roads and railroads, well, then
15 we do it.

16 And I think there's only three things that

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17 are going to stop this nuclear repository from coming
18 here. One is, the Governor brings out the National
19 Guard and you stop the trucks and the trains or the
20 construction crews from going into the test site. Two
21 is open and armed rebellion by the people of the state
22 of Nevada, or three is we secede from the Union. And
23 that's the way I think you're going to stop it.
24 Because you know, I don't know much about the science,
25 and I heard the gentleman talk about, well, Wisconsin
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1 is the best place to put it. Well, you have to put it
2 somewhere. And right now, it's sitting around at 110 I
3 think different sites, and 43 different states. So now
4 we've got 110 problems in 43 states, versus one problem
5 in one state. I used to work for a jeans company, very
6 well known jeans company.

7 MODERATOR BROWN: 30 seconds.

8 MR. PACHECO: Okay, and we had a motto there,
9 and that motto was, you do it right the first time and
10 you don't do it again. And that's what I would urge
11 you proponents to do. Get together with the DOE, and
12 we do it right the first time, and we don't do it
13 again. Thank you.